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In re Application of:

Theodore M. Taylor

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APPARATUS INCLUDING THE SUBPAD

SUPPORT (Amended)

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

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This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed on May 9, 2003, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expires on Monday, August 11, 2003, as August 9, 2003 falls on a Saturday. 37 C.F.R. § 1.7.

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